

Spiritual Abuse Pt17

JOHN 12:42-43

42. Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; **but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be [put out of the synagogue]:**

43. **For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.**

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aposunagogos {ap-os-oon-ag'-o-gos}

AV - be put out of the synagogue

1) excluded from sacred assemblies of Israelites; excommunicated

THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED [62-0318]

What is it? Some of you preachers now, that's too scared to take your stand, afraid that they won't even let you come into the organization. What else you going to do, then? They'd kick you out. **I feel sorry for you, first thing, for your weakness. That's right. Where's your faith in God?**

THE WORLD IS AGAIN FALLING APART [63-1127]

Preachers, you can't say it, because you'll give up your fellowship card, the big council will kick you out if you say something about it. **God help a man that would think more of a council card or a fellowship card than he would the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the Word!** How can the Holy Ghost, that wrote the Bible, deny what He wrote?

JOHN 9:18-23

18. But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

19. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

20. His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

21. But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

22. These words spake his parents, **because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be [put out of the synagogue].** 23. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

THEN JESUS CAME AND CALLED [64-0213]

...to even confess Him would a-been to--to be put out of the synagogues. And then **if you're out from the church**, they--**they thought you had no--no chance for redemption**. If you didn't belong to one of their sect, like Pharisee, Sadducee, or something, there was no redemption if you was outside of that. And if they had the right, the keys, and they could just kick you out if they wanted to. That was their own saying. No wonder Jesus said, "You, by your tradition, has made the Word of God of no effect." See?

And now **it's repeated again**, 'cause we all know history repeats itself every so often. And it's sad to say, but it was prophesied to repeat, and it has done it again.

THE STATURE OF A PERFECT MAN [62-1014M]

I was out there that day, after I had preached down there at Milltown where little Georgie Carter was healed. All of you remember it. And there when Brother Smith, a Methodist preacher, said, "If anybody is ever baptized, the Name of Jesus Christ, get out from under my tent," like that. Up there at Totten's ford, holding that meeting up there. And, oh, condemned me for everything you could think of. **I never said a word; went right on. I had a commission**. The Lord showed me a vision. There was a lamb down there, hooked somewhere in the wilderness.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE HOLY GHOST [59-1219]

But that day when that Methodist preacher said, "Anybody that's baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, get out from under my tent." That was okay. George Wright and them walked out. That afternoon I went down there to baptize in the Name of Jesus Christ at Totten's Ford. His whole congregation walked in the water and was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. So I just went on. That was all right. **God be for you, who can be against you?** I don't even know where the man went, what happened to him.

THE WAY OF A TRUE PROPHET OF GOD [62-0513M]

I don't care what a denomination would say, or what any church would say; that's the reason I don't belong to them. They'd kick you out, the first thing. But God's Word comes first. If you're a messenger, you've got something to say. **If you say anything contrary to This Word, you're not a messenger from God;** you're a messenger of the covenant of some denomination or some theory. But a messenger of God has the Word of God.

JOHN 16:1-2

1. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.
2. **They shall [put you out of the synagogues]: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.**

RETURN AND JUBILEE [62-1122]

They've modernized our assemblies; that's what they done. And another thing they've done, they've brought immorality to our women. Exactly. Our men, our brothers, put them in denominations and say, "If you don't... If we give out--take your card away from you, your fellowship card, why, **you'll never be able to preach nobody else 'cause we'll blackmail you and we'll blackball you.**" **And they're afraid. That makes a chicken out of him.**

Brother, shake loose. Come back. This is jubilee. You're an eagle. Don't let nobody tell you you're a buzzard, or, a chicken. Excuse me. You're... Well, a buzzard too, and a vulture... Yes, sir. You are an eagle. Yes, sir. You don't care for the old dead creeds and denominations. Let's come back; we're eagles; we fly in the heavenlies. Amen.

PERFECT STRENGTH BY PERFECT WEAKNESS [61-1119]

Stay with it, if every one of them kicks you. I don't care how weak you become, "Then I become strong." When they kick me out, God will take me in. Uh-huh, yeah. God... **They kick you out, God will take you in.**

Remember, it's the off-scours that God always picks up, the nobodies. Then He makes them somebodies for Him. May not know it in this life, but it will be in the one that's coming (See?); that's the one.

WHY LITTLE BETHLEHEM? [58-1228]

Today, I know we sing great songs; we build great churches; we have great anthems and everything; we praise to Him like that; but Jesus said, "In your hearts you're far from Me, for you teach for doctrine the commandments of men."

Let the Holy Spirit come in and do something in their church, showing the Presence of Jesus Christ, they'll kick you out the door. "In vain do you worship Me. They worship, but in vain do you do it, teaching for doctrine the traditions of men."

But there's warriors who believe Him. **There's warriors who stand by it with a spiritual understanding...**

THAT DAY ON CALVARY [60-0925]

Oh, you say, "They'll kick me out." **Let them kick.** Have your day at Calvary. God will have His way with you.

A MAN RUNNING FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD [65-0217]

Many times I've had people come, say, "I know that's right, Brother Branham, but if I did that, they would kick me out of the church." **What of it? If you don't, they're going to kick you out, up There.**

THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED [62-0318]

Oh, people, God bless you! Hear me! I can't believe nothing but God's Word. I want It to be my life, everything that I am. I want you to do the same. Let your walks, your talks, your moves, everything you do, be in the Word of God. Let the mind of Christ come into you, and--and that'll pregnate you with the Word. If you don't, if you let the mind of the denomination come in, you'll be denominational pregnated. If you let the mind of Christ come into you, He can't deny His Own Word, 'cause He's God. You be pregnated with the Word, and believe It. **I don't care if they put you out, kick you out, run you out, and every door is closed, you'll go just the same.**

MATTHEW 10:32-39

34. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37. **He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.**

38. **And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.**

39. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

ABRAHAM'S COVENANT CONFIRMED [61-0318]

Now, **here's way to test whether you're really the seed of Abraham or not.** When the church says, "You believe that, and I'll kick you out," that don't mean a thing to the seed of Abraham, not a thing. **That just puts him on his road right. That just sets him free.** Here he goes.